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Biography

Tracy Henke was designated by Attorney General Ashcroft to serve as the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General (PDAAG) of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) in June 2001. OJP, whose broad mission is to improve the nation's state and local criminal and juvenile justice systems, includes the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Institute of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Office for Victims of Crime. In addition, OJP Program Offices include the Executive Office of Weed & Seed, Office of the Police Corps and Law Enforcement Education, the Office on Violence Against Women, and the American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs office.

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Henke advises and assists the Assistant Attorney General (AAG), key Presidential appointees, and other senior staff in fulfilling President Bush's and Attorney General Ashcroft's agenda and mandates. Ms. Henke, acting with the AAG, exercises full responsibility for carrying out all policy, programmatic, legal, and managerial matters required to assure OJP's effective and efficient operations and the proper stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Ms. Henke served as Senior Policy Advisor for U.S. Senator Christopher "Kit" Bond of Missouri. In this position Ms. Henke was responsible for developing and implementing the Senator's policy objectives, strategies, and operating plans for a variety of issues. In addition, she served as the Senator's point person on all appropriation issues and worked on devising outreach strategies and coalition building.

Ms. Henke has also worked for Senator Jack Danforth, received her degree in Political Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and is originally from Moscow Mills, Missouri.